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TO AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PO

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES

REFERENCES: STATE 220116, LISBON 4383

1. WE SEE NO NEED FOR YOU TO PRESS FURTHER FOR APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES. HOWEVER, IF APPOINTMENT IS CONFIRMED BY GOP, YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) USG HAS TAKEN FULL NOTE OF STATEMENTS MADE TO YOU AS WELL AS TO FULL DIPLOMATIC CORPS BY SOARES GIVING ASSURANCE THAT PORTUGAL'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS WOULD BE HONORED, INCLUDING PORTUGUESE CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO NATO. WE ATTACH GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THOSE ASSURANCES.

(B) AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE BEEN DISTURBED BY RECURRING REPORTS WHICH SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT PORTUGAL MAY BE REVIEWING ITS BASIC FOREIGN POLICIES AND ORIENTATION, AND WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE GONCALVES' ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND STATEMENT OF GOP'S INTENTIONS.

(C) AS PRIME MINISTER KNOWS, BOTH FONMIN SOARES AND FINMIN LOPES HAVE REQUESTED LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY

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ASSISTANCE FROM USG. WE ARE SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERING

THE MATTER AND HOPE TO BE FORTHCOMING. SECRETARY TOLD SOARES THAT WE APPRECIATED PROBLEMS FACED BY PORTUGAL AND THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL

PROGRAM. GIVEN CLIMATE IN CONGRESS CONCERNING FOREIGN AID, HOWEVER, GOP SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT AT THIS POINT WE CAN MAKE NO SPECIFIC GUARANTEES AS TO LEVELS OR KINDS OF ASSISTANCE.

(D) DURING THIS PERIOD, WE WOULD HOPE FOR CLOSE AND OPEN CONSULTATIONS, THEREBY AVOIDING ANY CHANCE FOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON EITHER SIDE. WE HOPE THAT WHEN PRIME MINISTER HAS ANY QUESTIONS FOR USG, HE WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR. KISSINGER

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